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FOR GARRISON FROM MATLOCK

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1. BILL LUERS ASKED US TO INFORM YOU AND NICK ANDREWS THAT HE DID NOT HAVE TIME TO SORT OUT THE GRONOUSKI PROPOSAL AND MODALITIES REGARDING "EQUAL TIME" AND "RIGHT OF REPLY" ON RL/RFE. HE TAKES THE POINTS MADE IN STATE 12320, AND WOULD LIKE TO DISCUSS THE MATTER FURTHER WITH WALTER ROBERTS UPON RETURNING TO WASHINGTON. IF YOU FEEL YOU MUST GO AHEAD, HOWEVER, BILL SAID HE WOULD NOT OBJECT.

2. WE ARE AGAIN MUCH CONCERNED ABOUT THE SUPERCONDUCTING TRANSMISSION PROJECT UNDER THE ENERGY AGREEMENT. DOE IS STALLING ON AN EXCHANGE OF DELEGATIONS AGREED TO LAST JUNE 29, BECAUSE THEY ARE UNHAPPY THAT SUPERCONDUCTING MATERIALS MANUFACTURING FACILITIES WERE NOT INCLUDED IN THE SCHEDULE OF VISITS PROPOSED BY THE SOVIETS. THE SOVIETS HAVE POINTED OUT TO US THAT NO SUCH VISITS WERE ENVISAGED IN THE JUNE 29 WG PROTOCOL. OUR READING OF THE PROTOCOL INDICATES THAT THE SCHEDULE THE SOVIETS PROPOSE CONFORMS TO, AND EVEN EXCEEDS, WHAT
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HAD BEEN AGREED. THE SOVIETS ARE HIGHLY SENSITIVE ABOUT THIS AREA IN THE WAKE OF THE CRYOGENIC REFRIGERATOR AFFAIRS. WHILE WE CERTAINLY UNDERSTAND AND WILL SUPPORT, DOE'S INTEREST IN VISITING MANUFACTURING FACILITIES, THIS IS NO REASON TO CANCEL DELEGATIONS UNDER PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES, SINCE THE TIME TO PRESS FOR MANUFACTURING FACILITIES OCCURRED DURING WG

MEETING. THE DECEMBER JCM GAVE A FRESH IMPETUS TO THE ENERGY AGREEMENT. IT WOULD BE A SHAME TO SEE THE POSITIVE ATMOSPHERE SPOILED THROUGH MUTUAL RECRIMINATIONS. WE BELIEVE THE BEST COURSE NOW IS FOR DOE TO RESCHEDULE QUICKLY THE DELEGATION VISITS, AND SPECIFY THEY WISH TO OPEN DISCUSSIONS ON SUBSEQUENT VISITS TO MANUFACTURERS. COULD THE DESK CONTACT DOE AT AN APPROPRIATE HIGH LEVEL (WE SUGGEST BERGOLD) TO GET THESE POINTS ACROSS? OTHER PERTINENT REFERENCES INCLUDE: STATE 1176, 77 STATE 287142, 77 MOSCOW 16305 77 MOSCOW 16109, AND 77 MOSCOW 9754.

3. WE ARE CONCERNED AT CONTINUED VIOLATION OF AGREED-ON COMMUNICATIONS PROCEDURES BY SOVIET AND US WORLD OCEANS AGREEMENT EXECUTIVE SECRETARIES (SEE MOSCOW 805). BOTH SCST AND NOAA IN WASHINGTON CONTINUE TO RELY ON DIRECT TELEX COMMUNICATIONS TO CONDUCT WORLD OCEANS AGREEMENT BUSINESS. SCST AND NOAA HAVE, ALMOST WITHOUT EXCEPTION, EXCLUDED THE EMBASSY FROM THESE COMMUNICATIONS WHICH, WE RECENTLY HAVE LEARNED, HAVE TOUCHED NOT ONLY ON THE EXCHANGE OF DELEGATIONS AND THE SCHEDULING OF WORKING GROUP MEETINGS, BUT ALSO ON ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE FORTHCOMING JCM SCHEDULED FOR THIS SPRING IN THE USSR. ON JANUARY 10, FOR EXAMPLE, SOVIET EXECUTIVE SECRETARY METAL'NIKOV ASKED AN OFFICER FROM THE SCIENCE OFFICER TO PROD FROM MARTINEAU AT NOAA A RESPONSE TO METAL'NIKOV'S PROPOSAL, TELEXED
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IN DECEMBER, THAT HE COME TO WASHINGTON NEXT MONTH FOR PRE-JCM DISCUSSIONS.

4. WE HAD BEEN COMPLETELY UNAWARE OF SCST PROPOSAL TO SEND METAL'NIKOV TO THE US NEXT MONTH FOR PRE-JCM DISCUSSIONS. WE AGREED TO PROD MARTINEAU TO RESPOND BUT ONLY AFTER RESTATING IN STRONG TERMS OUR PREVIOUS COMPLAINTS ABOUT SCST MISUSE OF DIRECT TELEX TO NOAA. WE POINTED OUT - AGAIN - THAT SCST COULD NOT EXPECT THE EMBASSY TO BE OF ASSISTANCE WHEN WE ARE KEPT IN THE DARK. WE ALSO URGED METAL'NIKOV TO TRANSMIT ALL AGREEMENT-RELATED CORRESPONDENCE THROUGH THE EMBASSY. HE PROMISED TO COPY TO US ALL TELEX COMMUNICATIONS AND TO USE EMBASSY CHANNELS TO SEND ALL CORRESPONDENCE RELATED DIRECTLY TO THE CONDUCT OF AGREEMENT ACTIVITIES. ONLY TIME WILL CONVINCE US, HOWEVER, OF SCST'S WILLINGNESS TO FULFILL THIS PROMISE.

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5. AS WE HAVE POINTED OUT REPEATEDLY IN THE PAST, NEITHER SIDE IS BLAMELESS; NEITHER SIDE HAS MADE A SERIOUS EFFORT TO COORDINATE PLANNING OF AGREEMENT ACTIVITIES THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT AND THE EMBASSY IN SPITE OF PREVIOUS DEPARTMENT AND EMBASSY REJOINDERS (77 STATE 260780 AND 77 MOSCOW 15643). WE WOULD BE GRATEFUL IF YOU WOULD ONCE AGAIN RAISE WITH NOAA THE RECURRING PROBLEM OF COORDINATION. IN THAT CONTEXT, WE BELIEVE THAT IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO POINT OUT THE FAILURE TO COORDINATE THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT AND THE EMBASSY HAS LED DIRECTLY TO AT LEAST TWO PAINFUL MISHAPS LEADING TO CANCELLATIONS OF SCHEDULED DELEGATION VISITS IN 1977. SUCH FAILURES NOT ONLY MAR THE RECORD AND EMBARRASS BOTH PARTIES, BUT ALSO MAY AFFECT NEGATIVELY SUPPORT FROM PORTIONS OF THE SCIENTIFIC COMMUNITY FOR CONTINUATION OF WORLD OCEANS ACTIVITIES AS THE TIME FOR AGREEMENT RENEWAL DRAWS NEAR.

6. RE POSSIBLE EXTENSION, GREENBERG SAYS THAT HE WOULD LIKE TO HOLD TO HIS THREE-YEAR TOUR WITH DEPARTURE SEPTEMBER 1979.

7. REGARDING VACANCY IN OEX (STATE 9257), YOU MIGHT
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WANT TO INVESTIGATE POSSIBILITY OF ANN DARBYSHIRE'S BEING AVAILABLE. WE DON'T KNOW HOW LONG HER TOUR IN S/S IS TO LAST, BUT IF SHE IS INTERESTED AND AVAILABLE, SHE WOULD BE A GOOD BET. ONLY POSSIBLE CANDIDATE WE HAVE HERE IS

JACK GOSNELL. JACK HAS HEART SET ON GOING TO EAST BERLIN.
IF THAT IS NOT FEASIBLE, WE COULD DISCUSS WITH HIM
POSSIBILITY OF OES JOC IF YOU DESIRE.

8. BILL LUERS LEFT FOR GENEVA BEFORE STATE 14654 ARRIVED.
HIS LATEST POSITION REGARDING ACCOMPANYING PONOMAREV
DELEGATION WAS CONTAINED IN YESTERDAY'S O-I. YOU MIGHT
WANT TO CALL HIM IN GENEVA AND TALK IT OVER.

9. WE ALL APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT REGARDING DON'S
ONWARD ASSIGNMENT.

10. RE MOSCOW 836 (COSTAKIS): COSTAKIS HAS INFORMED
US THAT HE WILL APPLY FOR IV IN NAPLES O/A FEBRUARY 1.
HE HAS A NP PRIORITY DATE OF DECEMBER 13, 1976 AND
THE PRESENT NP DATE IS JANUARY, 1976. CAN YOU CHECK
WITH VO WHETHER NP PRIORITY DATES WILL MOVE UP RAPIDLY?
GIVEN THE PR PROBLEMS THAT WOULD PROBABLY ARISE IF
COSTAKIS HAS TO WAIT FOR SIX OR MORE MONTHS IN ROME,
DO YOU THINK WE SHOULD SUGGEST TO HIM THAT HE MAY HAVE
SEVERAL MONTHS STAY IN ITALY?

11. HE INFORMED US THAT HIS SON'S FAMILY (TOTAL OF SIX
PERSONS) WOULD LIKE TO EMIGRATE VIA TCP. HE ASKED
EMBASSY FOR LETTER TO SOVIET AUTHORITIES STATING THAT
HIS SON'S FAMILY WOULD RECEIVE AMERICAN VISA. WE TOLD HIM
WE ARE AGREEABLE TO DOING SO ONLY AFTER THEY HAVE GONE
THROUGH EMBASSY PROCESSING PROCEDURE, INCLUDING MEDICAL.
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